

**BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF BUFFALO
November 7th, 2019
BUFFALO TOWN HALL**

Shane Dedrick acted as chairman due to Ryan McReath not being available. Shane Dedrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Shane Dedrick, Kyle Kidney, Tom Wilson & Laurie Beahm
Others in attendance were 7

Agenda Approval

Kyle Kidney made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Second by Tom Wilson
IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion carried.

Variance request report

Shane Dedrick-Acting Chairman read the Variance Request as follows:

Buffalo Church and Cemetery, W3205 Co Rd O, Montello, WI 53949 are requesting Variances under Sections 16.08(2) and 16.08(3) of the Town of Buffalo Zoning Ordinance and Section 10.09(3) of the Town of Buffalo Subdivision Ordinance for the division of a legal non-conforming lot resulting in the creation of two less conforming lots with a structure at reduced setback to lot lines on a parcel in the SE corner of the fractional SW1/4-SW1/4, Section

Roger Wallis spoke on behalf of the Town Board regarding why the Town was requesting the variance. The Town board by state statute has to take over the cemeteries because there is not an organized association attached to the cemetery. The Friends of John Muir has offered to take over the church so that the town does not have to take care of the church building.

Tom Onofrey spoke that this is the only way to split off the church because there is no other category that this situation fits in to.

Public Response

Chairman asked if there was any public input regarding the request. A few citizens asked questions regarding access to the cemetery. There is a dirt driveway stated on the map for cemetery access. The parking will be shared for both the cemetery and the church.

Public Response period closed

Board of Appeals Questions to Applicants

Shane Dedrick expressed concern as to what could happen down the road with the church. He is concerned that they could sell it off. Or what if it isn't properly taken care of.

Laurie Beahm stated that the church is a historical site which has been a land mark in the Township for many years. Who better to take it over than the Friends of John Muir.

The board voted as follows.

Shane Dedrick feels that this is a unique property situation. He feels that there is no harm to the public interest. It would make unnecessary hardship on the town to take on the building.

Tom Wilson stated there is nothing that will harm the public.

Kyle Kidney stated that it has been discussed at length at the town board meetings and this makes the most sense to divide it up this way.

Shane Dedrick voted –In Favor of Variance.

Tom Wilson voted – In Favor of Variance.

Kyle Kidney voted - In Favor of Variance.

In Favor-3 Opposed-0 Variance Passed.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson-Second by Kyle Kidney